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Project "A"

DD/A 75-4434

17 September 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Counsel to the Director

Mitch:

1. I recently sent you a memorandum concerning the endeavors of a House Select Committee employee to line-up some witnesses from the private sector. In that memorandum reference was made to Project [redacted] and you have asked concerning it.

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2. [redacted] was primarily a developmental project, although some research was involved, to develop a [redacted]

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[redacted] ligence. Having said that and to put it in simple vernacular, it was a high characteristic operating [redacted] with a lot of expensive gadgetry. It was a DD/S&T undertaking, conducted by the Office of Research and Development, and its life span was probably four years or so. Total cost of the undertaking was about [redacted] dollars during its life span, all Agency-funded money. For a variety of reasons it never met operational standards and Dick Helms eventually ordered cessation of any further investment.

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3. I have given this the general parameters as I remember and understand them. If you desire to pursue it any further, I suggest you make inquiries of Carl Duckett.

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John F. Blake  
Deputy Director  
for  
Administration

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HSC to look into  
Thanks  
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